Amendments to the Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing professional services, the method ~~comprising the following performed by a data processing system~~comprising:

~~receiving~~accepting entry of information associated with a medical matter of a ~~person~~patient from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the ~~person~~patient via ~~a~~the client device in communication with ~~a~~the data processing system;

assigning the ~~person~~patient to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools;

~~enabling~~allowing the professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information;

providing a secure area within which the professional services provider provides ~~information~~data advising the ~~person~~patient about the medical matter in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible by the ~~person~~patient via the client device; and

~~enabling~~allowing the ~~person~~patient to access the secure area and view the ~~information~~data, provided by the professional services provider, via the client device of the patient which analyzes the data and determining that at least a portion of the data comprises billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the professional services provider for providing the information advising the patient about the medical matter.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising notifying the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the following performed prior to accepting entry of information associated with a matter of a person:

identifying the person; and

verifying that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing healthcare services to patients, the method comprising: the following performed by a data processing system:

receiving~~accepting~~ entry of information about a medical condition of a patient from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the patient via ~~a~~the client device in communication with ~~the~~a data processing system;

assigning the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the entered patient information and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in respective pools;

enabling~~allowing~~ the healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the assigned pool to view the patient information;

providing a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides a diagnosis, a treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible by the patient via the client device; and

enabling~~allowing~~ the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider, via the client device of the patient, which analyzes data of the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof and determine that a portion of the data comprises

billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the healthcare provider for providing the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof.

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, further comprising notifying the patient that the healthcare provider has provided the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

10.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

11.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising communicating the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

12.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the following performed prior to accepting entry of information about a medical condition of a patient:
    identifying the patient; and
    verifying that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises allowing the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.

15.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system that facilitates the provision of professional services, comprising at least one computer configured to:

receive~~accept~~ entry of information associated with a medical matter of a ~~person~~patient from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the ~~person~~patient via ~~a~~the client device in communication with the data processing system;

assign the person to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools;

enable~~allow~~ the professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information;

provide a secure area within which the professional services provider provides ~~information~~data advising the ~~person~~patient about the medical matter in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible by the ~~person~~patient via the client device; ~~and~~

enable~~allow~~ the ~~person~~patient to access the secure area and view the ~~information~~data, provided by the professional services provider, via the client device of the patient which is configured to analyze the data and determine that the data comprises billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the professional services provider for providing the information advising the patient about the medical matter.

16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Previously Presented) The data processing system according to claim 15, wherein the computer is further configured to notify the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

18.   (Previously Presented) The data processing system according to claim 15, wherein the information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

19.   (Previously Presented) The data processing system according to claim 15,
wherein the computer is further configured to:

   identify the person; and

   verify that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system that facilitates the provision of
healthcare services to patients, comprising:

   means for ~~accepting~~receiving entry of information about a medical condition of a patient
from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the patient via ~~a~~the client device in
communication with the data processing system;

   means for assigning the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the
entered patient information and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat
patients in respective pools;

   means for ~~allowing~~enabling the healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the
assigned pool to view the patient information;

   means for providing a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides a
diagnosis, a treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof, for the medical condition of
the patient in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible
by the patient via the client device; and

   means for ~~allowing~~enabling the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis,
the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider,
via the client device of the patient which is configured to analyze data of the diagnosis, treatment
recommendation, or a combination thereof and determine that a portion of the data comprises
billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the healthcare provider for providing
the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof.

22.   (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The data processing system according to claim 21, further comprising means for notifying the patient that the healthcare provider has provided the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

24. (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

25. (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising means for communicating the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

26. (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, further comprising:
means for identifying the patient; and
means for verifying that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The data processing system according to claim 21, wherein the means for allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises means for allowing the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer program product that facilitates the provision of professional services, the computer program product comprising a tangible computer usable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that ~~accepts~~receives entry of information associated with a medical matter of a ~~person~~patient from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the ~~person~~patient via ~~a~~the client device in communication with ~~the~~a data processing system;

computer readable program code that assigns the ~~person~~patient to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools;

computer readable program code that ~~allows~~enables the professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information;

computer readable program code that provides a secure area within which the professional services provider provides ~~information~~data advising the ~~person~~patient about the medical matter in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible by the ~~person~~patient via the client device; and

computer readable program code that ~~allows~~enables the ~~person~~patient to access the secure area and view the ~~information~~data provided by the professional services provider, via the client device of the patient which is configured to analyze the data and determine that a portion of the data comprises billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the professional services provider for providing the data advising the patient about the medical matter.

30.   (Canceled)

31.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, further comprising computer readable program code that notifies the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

32.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, wherein the information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

33.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, further comprising:

computer readable program code that identifies the person; and

computer readable program code that verifies that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

34.   (Canceled)

35.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product that facilitates the provision of healthcare services to patients, the computer program product comprising a tangible computer usable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that ~~accepts~~ receives entry of information about a medical condition of a patient from a client device, wherein the information is entered by the patient via ~~a~~ the client device in communication with the data processing system;

computer readable program code that assigns the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the entered patient information and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in respective pools;

computer readable program code that ~~allows~~ enables the healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the assigned pool to view the patient information;

computer readable program code that provides a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides a diagnosis, a treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient in response to receipt of the entered information, wherein the secure area is accessible by the patient via the client device; and

computer readable program code that allows enables the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider, via the client device of the patient which is configured to analyze data of the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof and determine that a portion of the data comprises billing information indicating an amount of money owed to the healthcare provider for providing the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof.

36.   (Canceled)

37.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to claim 35, further comprising computer readable program code that notifies the patient that the healthcare provider has provided the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

38.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

39.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising computer readable program code that communicates the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

40.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, further comprising:

computer readable program code that identifies the patient; and

computer readable program code that verifies that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

41.   (Canceled)

42.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product according to claim 35, wherein the computer readable program code that allows the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises computer readable program code that allows the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.

43.-48. (Canceled)